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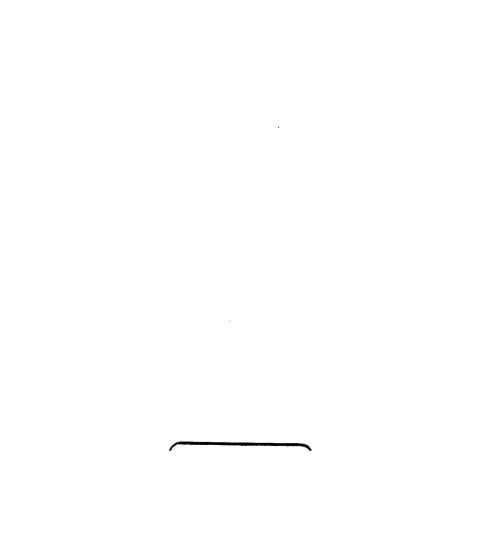
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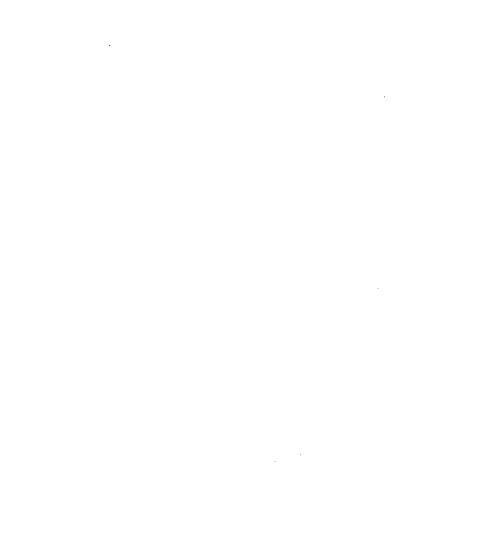


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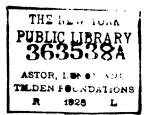
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#### PREFACE.

without assuming the role of an author, we have collected and arranged the items for this "Manual," being prompted with the belief that the importance and usefulness of our "College Literary Societies" would be better appreciated by an introduction of each society, with its features of interest, to the great brotherhood of active members of, and sympathizers with, these societies.

We have done the best we could, with the helps accessible, to present each society in its true condition; and if any have cause to complain, it will result from the failure of some to reply to our circular requesting the desired information. The great majority have cheerfully responded and will please accept our grateful acknowledgement of their valued contributions and kind wishes.

I. C. S.

University of Michigan, 1871.

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### The Garly Gxistence of Titerary Associations.

Almost every age and every country blessed with any tincture of literary culture has had its associations, under some name or other, for free and frequent discussion of topics of common interest. Oral discussions were among the earliest and most effective means of eliciting truth and diffusing knowledge. An early recorded account gives a description of the original "Lyceum" in the suburbs of Athens, where Aristottle delivered his instructions to his numerous pupils.

At a period in the fifteenth century when the classical purity of Cicero was contrasted with the barbarous idiom of the missal, when irreligion and contempt

for Christianity were common among the learned, then it was that a literary society made its appearance at Rome under the title of "Academy." This was suppressed by the Roman Pontiff Paul II. who inaugurated the most horrid persecutions to intimidate and dispel enthusiastic members of the society.

As in Rome, so later in England, the jealousies of the Rulers were aroused against the systematic meeting of those literary spirits who sought genial fellowship, till Charles the Second granted a charter to the Royal Society and declared himself its founder. In the beginning of the seventeenth century Cardinal Richelieu who had a noble passion for letters and for all fine culture, being Minister of France, gave his sanction to the formation of a literary society in Paris.

This brief glance at early history enables us to discover the existence of that principle which now gives life and success to our literary societies.

The first public exhibition by College Students in this country for the promo-

tion of oratory, occurred at Harvard College in April, 1756.

At about this time the first Literary Societies appeared in Harvard and Yale Colleges, followed by multitudes of sister societies which have sprung into existence in our Colleges in obedience to the desire for intellectual association and strife.

# Benefits derived from Literary Associations.

The existence of societies in our colleges, in some form, is a necessary outgrowth of human nature. When a body of youth are brought together for the purpose of receiving a liberal education, those who are enthusiastic and ambitious immediately seek helps for their self-improvement, especially in rhetorical and literary exercises.

The college cannot furnish all the aid necessary for the highest culture in this direction, nor if it could would it be either as acceptable or as efficient as the curriculum which is devised and

managed by the students themselves. The object of the organization of our college literary societies is justly recognized to be for the purpose of securing to the members the highest possible degree of "mental, moral and social" improvement.

The facilities afforded for the accomplishment of this laudable object, in a well conducted literary society, should be embraced by the active, inquiring youth of every college.

Here is found an incentive for exhaustive research and study on the part of the student, that is by no means furnished by the rhetorical routine employed by the college. Here is the student's chosen arena for literary contests and rhetorical efforts. Here he wins victories and suffers defeats which contribute to strengthen his mind and prepare him for the practical struggles of life. He is animated with the practical and independent spirit of the age and sympathizes with the political and literary reform of the day.

What numbers of master spirits have here derived the first real consciousness of their own strength, the first effective impulse to extraordinary achievement. Many things, no doubt, are done and said in these societies which better be left unsaid and undone; yet with all their faults and liabilities to fault, they offer such means and motives for intellectual development as cannot fail when fairly considered to outweigh all objections that can be urged againt them.

1st. They are when rightly managed the best possible schools of logical disputation.

2nd. They furnish the best opportunities for the practice of deliberative oratory.

3rd. They force us, as it were, into the acquisition of a great amount and variety of useful knowledge.

4th. They lead to a familiar acquaintance with the practice of parlamentary law.

# Importance of Discussions as Conducted by our Literary Societies.

It is a noticeable fact that "Discussions" take a most important place upon the "order of literary exercises" in nearly every literary Society, always engaged in with enthusiasm they afford, as a rule, benefits to the student that are seldom gained by any other exercise. He becomes the successful debater who carefully studies his subject preparing a complete analysis of his theme which enables him to present his thoughts in a logical and forcible manner; to interest his hearers and acquire for himself a perceptible benefit. This exercise is certainly free from the objections which lie against the ordinary mode of essay writing since the subjects discussed are usually such as the speakers feel a real interest in. In every art a beginner must expect to be comparatively unsuccessful. One who has not had this kind of private practice beforehand, must learn speaking in the course of actual business, and consequently at the expense of repeated failures in maters of real importance.

Compared with those who have lear ed in society debate he will be like the soldi entering a field of battle without prev ous drill and beginning to use his we pons for the first time in actual comba But on the other hand there are dange to be apprehended and guarded again in the early practice of extemporary spe king. When the faculties of youth a in an immature state and their knowleds scanty, crude and imperfectly arrange if they are prematurely hurried into habit of fluent speaking, they are in da ger of retaining through life a carele habit of pouring forth ill-digeste thoughts in well turned phrases, and a aversion to exhaustive research.

It is a true saying of Bacon "that re ding makes a full man, talking a read man and writing an exact man." The tendency of our popular institutions is to excourage readiness in public men at the expense both of fullness and exactness in the exactness in the exactness is a second of the exactness in the exactness in the exactness is a second of the exactness and exactness in the exactness is a second of the exactness in the exactness in the exactness is a second of the exactness in the exactness in the exactness is a second of the exactness in the exactness in the exactness is a second of the exactness in the exactness in the exactness is a second of the exactness in the exactness in the exactness is a second of the exactness in the exactness in the exactness is a second of the exactness in the exactness in the exactness is a second of the exactness in the exact

To counteract this tendency is one of the duties of the literary society in its work of preparation. There are but few cases in which accurate and well arranged argument will not have great weight even when opposed by more showy but unsubstantial qualifications. To speak perfectly well, one must feel that he has reached the Bottom of the subject, and to feel this on occasions where, from the nature of the case it is an impossibility, is inconsistent with the character of accurate thought. It follows that the learner should never allow himself in one of these mock debates to maintain anything that he himself believes to be untrue, or to use an argument which he perceives to be fallacious. The temptation to transgress this rule is often very strong. for the wrong side of a question will often afford a chance for a captivating show of ingenuity, so as to seem more easily to be maintained than the right. Scruples of conscience relative to veracity and fairness, are likely to be silenced by the consideration that after all it is no real battle, but only a tournament. But unreal as the occasion may be the habit of regarding and using right reason and truth and fair argument should ever be strictly adhered to. Though much might be said for and against the advantages afforded by the literary exercises of our College Societies, yet in the light of experience we may safely conclude that they are liable not only to no insuperable objection, but are capable of a service, in the cause of education, scarcely attainable in any other way.

# Influence of Coilege Secret Societies.

The question, whether the influence of college secret societies tends to evil, is one which often arrests our attention. Though their avowed object be good and worthy of the noblest efforts, yet when once under the ban of secrecy, there is the strongest temptation to cast off the restraint which would be observed if

their actions were to come before the public to receive its criticisms.

If a brother is to be aided, let him first be worthy of receiving assistance, then it will need no grip or pass-word to gain the true friend. Let the desired position be gained in an honest, legitimate way; by such toil and study as will command the respect and support which is only due to true worth and merit. President Porter refers to them in his "American Colleges and American Public," admitting their necessity, yet he says: "That such societies may be, and sometimes are, attended with very great evils, is confessed by the great majority of college graduates. Prominent among these evils is the fostering of an intriguing and political spirit, which is incongruous with the general tendencies of college life toward justice and generosity; and the division of the college community and the classes into hostile factions. Whatever excesses attend them. of late hours, late suppers, noisy demonstrations and convivial indulgencies, should be repressed by the good sense and manlier spirit of the college community. Could the continuity of many of these societies, from one college year to another, be broken up, the college life would be greatly ennobled."

If these societies are to be retained in the body politic of the college world, their evils can be suppressed by no more just agency than the college community, to which tribunal this vexed question may be safely submitted.

#### **Outline History of Literary Societies**

### California.

#### THE "ARCHANIAN SOCIETY"

of the "University of the Pacific," is the oldest Literary Society on the Pacific coast. Organized March 27th, 1854 with Joseph C. Hamer as President. Its literary exercises consist in an Oration, Essay, Select Reading and Debate. Prominent Alumni, T. H. Laine, C. S. Smyth, W. F. Hughes, A. C. Pomeroy, G. C. Doane, F. C. Braly, R. M. Widney, M. H. Gay, W. M. Lovell, R. E. Wenk and J. G. Swinnerton. Its active membership being 12. Its motto is "LAUREAS SUPPENMONTEM SCIENTIAE CARPE."

THE "PHILALETHIC LITERARY SOCIETY" of Santa Clara College, was organized in the fall of 1856 with Michael Accolti as its President; its motto being "UTILE CUM DULCI." Its exercises consist in an Essay, Oration and Debate. The Society has recently completed and moved into a new and commodious hall. Prominent among its alumni are found the names of D. M. Delmas, Thomas Bergin and John Burnett. It has a membership of eighteen.

#### THE "RHIZOMIAN SOCIETY"

of University of the Pacific was organized November 26th, 1858 with H. H. Dougherty for President; choosing as their motto: "Animus incorruptus, Aerternus, rector humani generis est." The order of literary exercises adopted by this Society is 1st. Critique, 2d. Essay, 3d. Oration, 4th. Select Reading, 5th. Debate. Prominent among its Alumni, are C. C. Stephens, Ed Bannister Jr., E. T. Barber, James C. Zuck, L. J.

Megerle, W. M. Boardman, H. P. Tuttle and D. R. Zumwaldt. Active membership twelve.

THE "PHILESTORIAN DEBATING SOCIETY"

of Santa Clara College, organized Oct. 14th, 1859, and chose Mr. — White first President, and the words "Nunc coepi" for their motto. It has, at present, an active membership of twenty. This Society has chosen to occupy their time wholly in Debate. The names of Chas. Wilcox, Wm. Murphy, Al. Sage, James Brun, Geo. Sedgly, Dan Fenton, S. Lyon and Tom Bergen are prominent among its Alumni.

#### THE "EULEXIAN LITERARY SOCIETY"

of St. Augustine College was organized Nov. 27th, 1867. G. C. Lane, President; choosing the motto: "Nil mortalibus arduum est." In January, 1870 the Society was suspended on account of all the original members leaving College.

but it was revived in March, 1871. Their literary exercises consist in Reading, Essays and Debate. Most prominent Alumni, Rev. G. C. Lane, W. A. Fair, Maj. I. H. Dickinson and C. O. Tillotson. It has nine active members.

### Connecticut.

#### "BROTHERS IN UNITY."

A literary society of Yale College, is the oldest existing college literary society in the United States that has reported. It was organized in 1768, with Oliver Stanley for its President, and the motto: "Friendship and Truth." Of late the Society has been gradually superceded by "Secret Societies." Order of literary exercises, 1st. Journal of last meeting, 2d. Questions for three succeeding meetings, 3d. Appointment of essayists for three succeeding meetings, 4th. Essay, 5th. Debate, 6th. President's decision on weight of argument and decision of the

House on the merits of the question, 7th. Miscellaneous business. About one half of Yale's most prominent men have been connected with this society.

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#### THE "PHI GAMMA" SOCIETY

of Emory College, was organized March 8th, 1837, with Prof. Geo. W. W. Stone, as President, choosing the motto: "Scientia et religio libertatis custopes." Order of their literary exercises, 1st. Oration, 2d. Declamation, 3d. Debate. Most prominent Alumni, Hon. L. Q. C. La Mar, Hon. Wm. H. Chambers, Rev. A. G. Haygood, D.D., Rev. J. S. Key, D.D., Hon. Thos. Hardeman, Hon. Miles W. Lewis and Prof. J. Lewis. Membership, seventy.

THE "F-" LITERARY SOCIETY of Emory College, was organized in 1839.

Selecting as the first President, Rev. Armistead R. Holcombe, and choosing as their motto: "Pro virtute et patria." The Society was suspended during the war, but has since resumed its work: revising the constitution and by-laws. For the literary exercises, a speaker is chosen from the Freshman and Sophomore classes, an orator from the Junior class; six disputants are chosen for the debate two weeks previous to their exercises. Any member may participate in the discussion voluntarily. Prominent Alumni: Hon. John J. Jones, Rev. W. H. Potter, Rev. Young J. Allen, Rev. Q. S. Hopkins and Rev. L. M. Smith, D.D. The Society has an active membership of sixty-seven.

#### THE "PHI DELTA" SOCIETY

of Oglethorpe University, was organized in 1839, when the College was located at Midway, from whence it has been removed to Atlanta, Ga. Literary exercises: Declamation, Original Speeches and Debate. Active membership, sixteen.

#### THE "ADELPHEAN" SOCIETY

of Wesleyan Female College, was established in 1851. Mrs. E. Cochrane, President. Motto chosen: "We live for Each other." Order of exercises, Elocutionary Reading and Recitals, Compositions and Criticisms. The Society has an active membership of forty.

#### THE "PHILOMATHEAN" SOCIETY

of the same college, organized in 1852, Mrs. A. Wright as President. It has the same order of literary exercises as the sister society. Membership the same.

### Allinois.

THE "PHILOSOPHIAN" SOCIETY

of McKendree College, is the oldest

college society reported in the State;

organized Jan. 10th, 1837, with E. M. Peter, first President; choosing for a motto: "Detur Digniori," Order of literary exercises: 1st. Declamation, 2d. Essays, 3d. Oration, 4th. Regular and Irregular Debate. Prominent Alumni. Rev. R. Andrews, D.D., President Illinois Con. Female College, Hiram Sears, President Southern Illinois Female College, T. A. Parker, President St. Charles College, Missouri, J. M. North, LL.B. and others. The Philosophian has undergone many changes since its organization. It now has a hall 18x46, handsomely furnished, containing a library of nearly 2.000 volumes. The furniture for the hall cost \$2,000. The society is in a flourising condition and its members taking great pride in their work, are determined that the "Old Philo" shall be second to none in the west. A public entertainment is given at the close of each term which is always well attended. There is an active membership of fifty-two.

#### THE "SIGMA PI" SOCIETY

of Illinois College, was organized June 24th, 1843, with Chas. H. Tillson, first President, and the motto: "LET THERE BE LIGHT." This is one of the oldest college societies now in existence in the State, and at first it met with closed doors, but it now has open sessions. The Society has a well furnished hall, library and ante-room; with 1,500 volumes inelibrary and a \$300 portrait of President Sturtevant, by Healy, in its hall. It has had, in all, over 500 members. Their exercises are Essays and Criticism; Declamations and Debate and at the close of each term a review of some book, poem or speech. Prominent among its Alumni are found the following names: Hon. Newton Bateman, Wm. C. Gondy, Dr. Henry Wing, Rev's. Thos. K. Beecher, E. A. Tanner, Wm. Ireland, and E. T. Doane, Hon. Wm. Straun, Hon. Joshna P. Garlick, Paul Selby and Dr. Samuel Willard.

#### THE "PHI ALPHA" SOCIETY,

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THE "PLATONIAN" LITERARY SOCIETY,

McKendree College, was organized April 21st, 1849, with J. H. Mathews, as President, and the motto: "VIA SAPIENTIAE." Literary exercises consist in Declamations, Essays, Orations and Debate. Prominent Alumni: C. W. Jerome, Presi-

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#### THE "BELTIONIAN ASSOCIATION"

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of Chicago University, was organized in Oct. 1860, James S. Wilson, President, choosing the significant words, "Mens Molem Mover," as their motto. The society have since adopted a new constitution and by-laws, and also, effected changes in their literary exercises; having now, 1st. Declamation, 2d. Paper or Essay, 3d. Address or Declamation, 4th. Oration, 5th. Debate. Most prominent Alumni that have been connected with the Athenaeum are J. F. Bonfield, T. S. Hoyne, Rev. H. C. Mabie, Rev. R. E. Neighbor and J. A. Miner. The society numbers forty-one, at present.

THE "ZETECALIAN" SOCIETY
of Lombard University, organized on the

23d day of January, 1863; choosing Sarah J. Miles, (Mrs. Bullam,) President and for its motto, the words, "Utile Dulci." Their literary exercises comprise an Essay or Recitation from History, Debate alternating with Sentiments and Society Paper, and Report of Critic. Membership, 123 since organization.

# THE "AELIOIAN" SOCIETY

of Wheaton College, organized in 1863, Miss M. E. Blanchard, President. The literary exercises comprise, Essays, Reviews, Paper and a Conversational Circle. Prominent Alumnae: Mrs, M. E. Cook, Miss F. Maud Smith, Mrs. A. E. Hatch, Mrs. E. H. Ellis and Mrs. R. E. Day. Active membership, fifteen.

THE "THEMIAN LITERARY" SOCIETY of Quincy College, was organized on the the 10th of October, 1866; chowing

Laura Nance, President, and for their motto: "Pax ordo, Actio et Justicia." One half of the members, take part alternately, every week in Essay, Recitation or Oration. The first and third week of every month, Debate, and the fourth week a paper, "The Reveille." Prominent Alumnae, May Crockett, Franc Larkworth, Harriet Randall, F. Anna Linn, Emma J. Foss, M. Alice Gray and Alta Z. Adams. Active membership, sixteen.

#### THE "LINCOLN ASSOCIATION"

of Illinois Soldiers College, organized during the month of November, 1866, with J. M. Allison, first President, and the motto: "NIL DESPERANDUM." The first system under which the society was conducted compelled each member to take an active part in the exercises, and was afterwards changed to the voluntary system, but the society has again reverted to the compulsory plane

which gives the better satisfaction. The society opens with a devotional exercise. For literary exercises, it has, Essays, Declamations, Regular Discussion, Sentimental Discussion, Judge's decision and Censors Report. Active membership, fifty-six.

#### THE "CLIONIAN" SOCIETY

of Almira College, was established in 1866, J. Abbie Hamilton, President, motto: "OMNI LABOR VINCIT." The society was first known by the name, "Athenian." Its literary exercises, for each meeting, comprise a Paper, Selection, Debate and an Essay. Most prominent among its Alumnæ. are, Clem Cole, Mary J. Sage and Carrie E. Hull. Present membership, forty.

THE "PHILOMATHIAN" SOCIETY

of Illinois Industrial University, was

organized March 10th, 1868; W. H.

Crayne, first President. The society has since revised their constitution and by laws. Literary exercises, Essays, Selections, Regular Debate, Irregular Debate, Decision of President and Critics Report. Prominent Alumni, R. B. Warden, M. F. Hatch, P. W. Lawver, E. Sawyer, E. S. Rader, S. W. White, J. S. Raymond and F. Franks. Active membership, twenty-six.

# THE "LITERARY UNION"

of Wheaton College, was organized April 15th, 1868, first President, I. Brown. The society was formed by the College Societies for the purpose of giving exhibitions, securing lectures, establishing a reading room and publishing a monthly paper; paper discontinued. Prominent Alumni, A. J. Bailey, J. L. Fonda, J. F. Ellis, C. A. Blanchard, G. A. Jones and H. L. Kellogg. Membership, fifty.

# THE "ARISTONIAN ASSOCIATION"

of Wheaton College, organized Sept. 30th, 1870. J. H. Fleming, first President. Literary exercises comprise, Essays, Music, Discussion and Select Reading. Membership, from the several departments, fifteen.

In the Illinois Female College, there have been, for perhaps fifteen years, two excellent literary societies, "Belles Letters" and "Phi Nu." At one time they had splendid halls and respectable libraries. Two fires have almost broken them up. All the society records were distroyed, and a large portion of both libraries. They intend re-organizing soon, and will doubtless regain what they have lost.

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THE "ZETECALIAN" SOCIETY of Lombard University, organized on the

exercises are conducted as follows: The society is divided into six classes, four of which, perform at each meeting, one Declaiming, one Composing and two Debating. There are six original speakers chosen for each meeting. Prominent Alumni, Judge A. Wylie, Hon. Jas. S. Rollins and Prof. Amzi Atwater. Active membership, seventy-four.

#### THE "PLATONEAN" SOCIETY

of Indiana Asbury University, was organized June 29th, 1838, with President, T. A. Goodwin, choosing as their motto: "INTER SILVAS ACADEMI QUERERE VERUM." Literary exercises comprise, Declamations, Essay, Orations, Irregular Criticism, Regular Debate, Decision of merits of argument, Irregular Debate, Decision of merits of question, and Regular Criticism. Prominent Alumni, G. B. Jocelyn, D.D., Ex-President, Albion College, A. G. Porter, Ex. M. C., J. A. Harlin, U. S. Senator, O. S. Munsell, D.D.

President Illinois Wesleyan University, Rev. Joseph Tingley, Vice President, I. A. U., Jeremiah Tingley, Prof. Alleg. College, Prof. S. A. Latimore, Rochester University, W. H. Barnes, Author "Body. Politic and History of 39th Congress," Gen. O. A. Bartholomew, Hon. J.Q. Chenoweth, Rev. S. A. Godfrey and L. L. Rogers, Prof. I. A. U. The society numbers, at present, from the several departments, ninety-two. Total number since organization, 1,360.

# THE "PHILOLOGICAL LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Indiana Asbury University, organized July 27th, 1839, H. C. Benson, first President, with the motto: "Laureas Super Monten Scientiae Carpe," as their guide. Their literary exercises consist in Declamations, Essays, Orations, Debate, Decision of merits of the argument, Irregular Debate, Report of Special Critic and Irregular Criticism. Prominent Alumni, H. D. Scott, Ex. M. C.

D. W. Voorhees, M. C., Prof. S. N. Fellows, B. F. Rawlins, D.D., Prof. P. Wiley, Prof. J. C. Ridpath, Prof. G. W. Hoss, C. T. Sims, D.D., W. R. McKeen, P. McNutt, Martin Springer, H. C. Benson, D.D., John Ing, Missionary to China and many others. The society has a very large membership, numbering at present, 123. The total membership, since date of organization, 1,370.

#### THE "CALLIOPEAN" SOCIETY

of Wabash College, dates its organization Dec. 10th, 1847, its first President being John L. Campbell, and its motto: "Arista Phanai Talethe Lege." Its literary exercises comprise Essays, Orations or Declamations, Debate and Critics Report. Prominent Alumni, W. H. Thompson, E. H. Twining, J. L. Campbell, J. Collett, Wm. R. Higgins, J. H. Metur, B. C. Rhoads, J. F. Gookins and L. D. Ingersoll. The society is in a prosperous condition, having an active membership of fifty.

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two suspensions. When the societies of Wabash College were organized a "Compact" was adopted; the main object, of which, is to keep the two societies as nearly equal as possible in every respect. Members are chosen by three commissioners from each society; the first choice being taken by lot, afterwards alternating. Prominent Alumni, connected with this society, are, B. W. Hanna, Attorney General, Indiana, Rev. W. A. McCorkle, Chas. T. White, Prof. W. C. White, John M. Buttler, Prof. D. A. Bassett, Rev. O. A. Hills and Judge J. B. Fairchild. Active membership, sixty-number of names on catalogue, 450.

# THE "ST. ALOYSIUS' PHILODENIC" SOCIETY

of University of Notre Dame, was organized in 1851, with Rev. E. B. Kilsey, President. The object of this society is the cultivation of eloquence and the acquisition of an accurate knowledge of

# **Z**ndiana.

#### THE "PHILOMATHEAN" SOCIETY

of Indiana University, is the oldest college society in the State, organized in 1829, choosing as their motto: "Doctrina Vim Promovet Insitam." Order of literary exercises, 1st. Orations, 2d. Debate, 3d. Declamation, 4th. Essays. Prominent Alumni, Gen. O. J. Wise, Hon. James Hughes, Gen. W. A. Gorman, P. C. Dunning, Ex-Gov. Indiana and S. H. Buskirk, Judge Supreme Court. In 1854, the society records were destroyed by fire. Its present membership is fifty-seven.

#### THE "ATHENIAN" SOCIETY

of the same college, was organized Feb. 12th, 1830, choosing for President, Chas. Mc M. Randall, and for a motto: "Virtus Hummanitas et Literatura." The literary

#### THE "PERICLESIAN" SOCIETY

of Franklin College, was established Jan. 17th, 1853, E. E. Simpson, President. Motto: "Signature ad astra." Its exercises comprising Declamations, Compositions, Debate, Paper and Criticism. Among its Alumni, are Gen. T. J. Morgan, Prof. F. W. Brown, Prof. Wm. Hill, G. W. Grubbs and L. W. Billingsley. It has an active membership of sixty-nine.

#### THE " MATHESIAN " SOCIETY

of North-Western Christian University, was organized May 5th, 1856, with Scott Butler, its first President. Its motto being, "Ktema ES ABI ETTI MATHESIS." Order of literary exercises, Addresses, Essays, Recitations, Voluntaries and Paper; recess—then Debate, (regular and irregular.) Prominent Alumni, Rev. D. R. VanBuskirk, Rev. A. J. Hobbs, Hon. W. W. Leathers and Rev. U. C. Brewer. Active membership, thirty-one.

#### THE "PHOENIX BAND"

of Earlham College, was established during the year 1856, with Lydia M. Thomas, its first President, and the motto, "En Avant." At first, the society chose its officers every month, but now they are elected for the whole term. The literary exercises consist, principally, of Essays, Recitations and Debates but are left to the discretion of the literary committee. Prominent Alumnæ, Luzena Thornburg, Susan Morris, Martha Pray, Deborah A. Steere, Anna Valentine, Mary T. Test, Lizzie L. Horrey, Eliza C. Smelser, Mary A. White and Angelina Hough. There are nineteen active members.

# THE "IONIAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Earlham College, was organized Oct. 24th, 1857, with Oliver White, President, choosing for its motto: "Utile Dulce." Its exercises include Debate, Essays, Lectures, Declarations, Biographies.

Historical Sketches, Book Reviews, Extemporaneous Speaking and Mock Trials and Senates. Prominent Alumni. Prof's. Erastus Test, Wm. A. Moore, Calvin W. Pearson, Alpheus McTaggart and Daniel Lawrence, of Earlham College, Allen Terrell, Benj. Trueblood, Benj. F. Lamb and Prof. Morris P. Wright. Present membership, thirty. Total since organization, 600. The society is selfsupporting, having no endowment and receiving no foreign aid. It has from its own resources collected together a well selected library of 800 volumes. holds, during each year, two public exhibitions with the sister society. Its aim is to discuss the leading questions of the day, and to establish correct opinions concerning them; to imbibe the spirit of our free institutions and to assist in modeling and sustaining them.

# THE "STUDENTS PHILOMATHEAN

Literary Institution," of Hartsville University, was organized Dec. 25th, 1857.

A. J. Herrod, President, adopting the motto: "Excusion." Its exercises comprise Declamations, Essays, Orations and Discussions. Prominent Alumni, Jerry Riley, T. H. Dunn, A. K. Ray, J. R. Owen and Samuel Wertz. The society has a membership, at present, of fifty.

#### THE "REYNOLDS LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Stockwell College, organized in 1860, N. B. Berryman, President. Literary exercises comprise Declamations, Essays, Orations, Select Reading and Debate. Prominent Alumni, J. L. Caldwell, W. M. Engart, T. R. Engart, C. Lake, Joseph Baker and W. S. Crow. Alumnae, Lizzie McMillan, Sadie Henderson and Hattie Baker. Membership, thirty-nine.

# THE "PHILOMATHEAN" SOCIETY

of Union Christian College, was organized Jan. 13th, 1866. Thomas Bicknell. first President. Order of literary exercises: 1st. Oration, 2d. Essay, 3d. Declamation, 4th. Debate. The society has a working membership of twenty-one.

# THE "BROWN DEBATING CLUB"

of Stockwell College, was organized in September, 1866, J. C. Bartholomew, President. It has a membership of thirtyone, and its exercises are wholly devoted to Debating.

#### THE "PHILOCURIAN" SOCIETY

of the North-western Christian College, was organized Oct. 2nd, 1868, A. B. Council, President; motto: "Ten Agioten Zetoumen." The society is connected with the biblical department of the University, and has for its object, the training of young men for the ministry, and aims to combine religion with literary instruction. Its exercises include Sermons, Essays, Debate and a Paper. Prominent Alumni, John W. Tucker.

A. B. Council, J. H. Hamilton, J. Fowler and J. Roberts. There are twen seven members.

#### THE "ADELPHENE" SOCIETY

Oct. 14th, 1868, with Francina McClair President, and the motto: "Virtus, Scientia et Amicitia." The literary exercises consist in Select Reading, Essays, Recitations, Debate, Paper, Poems, Lectures and Reviews. Prominent Alumnæ, Misses C. McClain, L. E. Buff, S. E. Warren, F. Hobbs, M. M. Hays, M. J. Thompson and D. A. Purviance. The society has a membership of twenty-nine.



#### THE "AMPHICTYON" SOCIETY

of Cornell College, one of the oldest ollege literary societies in the St.

was organized Nov. 18th, 1853. Its first President being H. S. Church and its motto: "Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum." The literary exercises include, Select Reading, Recitations, Declamation, Essay, Criticism, and Oration. Also a regular Debate with four disputants appointed, followed by an irregular Debate in which any member may take part. Prominent Alumni, J. G. Safelev, Rev. E. K. Young, Ed. Collins, Rev's. Thomas L. Stephens, R. D. Parsons and J. H. Rigby. The society is sustained by an active membership of thirty-four. Since its organization there have been 375 nembers connected with the society.

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Its exercises include Debate, Essays, Lectures, Declamations, Biographies,

### THE "ERODELPHIAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Burlington University was organized May 20th, 1854. President for the first term, G. W. Gunnison, and its motto: "Deo ac Veritati." Exercises: Orations, Declamations, Debates and Essays. Prominent Alumni, Col. A. Abernethy, Rev's. J. E. Clough, Adson Williams, O. T. Conger, L. T. Bush, W. A. Eggleston, E. P. Hicok, J. T. Sunderland and H. E. Norton, Gen. Jno. M. Corse, Geo. C. Reamy, Lieut. Com. U. S. Navy and T. J. Trulock.

#### THE "ADELPHIAN" SOCIETY

of Cornell College was organized May 1st, 1858. R. Peet was chosen first President. A few of the most prominent Alumni are G. W. Bowman, Wm. Wilcox, I. W. Moore, I. P. Coffman, Q. F. Giger, I. F. Wilcox, L. E. Curts, G. A. Metzgar, C. W. Rollins, Will Galloway, S. Clingman, R. H. Randall and M. Starr. The society have made a great improvement in the appearance of its hall, furnishing it with carpet, pictures, furniture, etc. to the amount of nearly one thousand dollars. It has a library of 1,100 volumes valued at \$1,800. Literary exercises, Essay, Selection, Oration, and Declamation. Membership, thirty-nine.

#### THE "CALOCAGATHIAN" SOCIETY

of Iowa College was organized during the year 1863. Mary Sutherland, (Kelsey). first President. The literary exercises consist in Special Essays, Recitations, Discussions, Select Reading and Reviews. Prominent Alumna, Hester A. Hillis, Missionary in Ceylon.

#### THE EVERETT LITERARY SOCIETY

of Simpson Centenary College was formed on the 6th of January, 1865 under the name of The Philomathean Society with B. H. Bradley, President. On the 22nd of January, 1869 the present name

was adopted. Its literary exercises are arranged by two Consuls chosen for each term. Of the Alumni are the names of Rev. B. H. Bradley, Prof. L. B. Cary, J. H. Henderson and Rev. W. C. Smith. Number of members, twenty-eight.

#### THE "YOUNG AMERICAN" SOCIETY

of Central University of Iowa was organized Sept. 1865 with Thomas Ryan, President, choosing the inspiring motto: "Our liberties we pride; our rights we will maintain." Literary exercises include Debate, Mock trials and Mock legislatures. Prominent members, Col. David Ryan, Robert Ryan, J. W. Deweese, J. S. Morgan, J. N. Harvey, Rev. Miss E. M. Tupper, Mrs. T. V. Shoup and Miss Mattie Payton. The number connected with this society at present reaches sixty-seven.

THE "ZETALETHEAN" SOCIETY
of Simpson Centenary College, composed

exclusively of ladies was organized Oct. 6th, 1867 by twelve young ladies. Miss Louie M. Anderson was elected its first President. It contains at present about fifty members and is rapidly growing. Its prominent Alumnæ are Emma M. Cary, Louie M. Anderson, Mattie E. Posegate and Mrs. Imogene Hallam McNiel. The order of exercises consists in Orations, Lectures, Essays, Select Reading, Debate and such other exercises as the Consul may direct.

#### "GRINNELL INSTITUTE"

of Iowa College was organized in Sept. 1870 with Thos. T. Baker, President, and the motto: "Palmam habeat qui meruit." The order of exercises is an Oration, Essay, Select Reading, Oration, Declamation, Paper and Discussion. The membership is limited to twenty-five and is now twenty-one. The society has begun the collection of a library and has a fund of over \$300, to start with.

# THE " PHILOMATHIC CLUB"

of Whittier College organized with C. C. Pickett as its first President. Its motto being "VITA SINE LITERIS MORS EST." Literary exercises: Impromptu Speeches, Ten-line Essays, Declamations, Select Reading, Discussion, Original Soliloquies and Colloquies, and occasionally Moot Courts and a Mock Congress. Its active membership being thirty-five.

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#### THE "CICERONIAN" SOCIETY

of Washburn College was established Sept. 8th, 1865. President, P. M. Griffin. Its motto: "Labor Omnia Vincit." Literary exercises, Debate, Paper, Essays and Readings. Impromptu speeches, (subjects given out by the president) and Critic's Report. Prominent names that have been connected with the society J. P. Davis, P. M. Griffin, J. B. Billand.

and Miss Hattie Scales. Its present membership numbers forty-six.

## THE " ERODELPHIAN " SOCIETY

of Highland University was established on the 19th of September, 1870 with John Wilson as its first President, adopting for its motto: "Deficit Qui Non Proficit." Its literary exercises comprise Declamation, Oration, Essay, Extemporaneous Speech, Reading, Regular Debate and Irregular Debate. The exercises are opened with devotional exercises. The society has a membership of eighteen. There are no secret societies in existence in Highland University.

## THE "BONHOMMIAN" SOCIETY

of the same institution was organized Feb. 1st, 1871 with Frederick J. Close, President, choosing the motto: "Pro Deo et Humanitate." The literary exercises are opened with Devotional Exercises are

cises, three Orations, Extemporaneous Speech, Reading, Regular and Irregular Debate. This society has a memership of twenty-four, mostly from the Preparatory Department.

## Rentucky.

THE "ADDISONIAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Kentucky Military Institute was founded in 1851, and the motto chosen is: "Stylo ac gladio orbis cedat." The exercises are confined to a Debate every week and an Oration once in four weeks. Most prominent Alumnu, Gen. H. V. N. Boynton. The society has a hall well furnished, and a library of 270 volumes. Its membership is at present about forty.

THE "PHILOMATHIAN" SOCIETY

of Bethel College was organized in Sept. 1854, J. H. Fuqua its first President.

having the motto: "Nr. Cedendum." Its exercises are made up of Essays, Declamations and Debates. Prominent Alumni C. P. Shields, T. C. Muligan, D. Walker, C. W. Harper, C. F. Beck, V. A. Garnett, J. S. Frawes and T. S. Gardner.

## THE "NEOTROPHIAN" SOCIETY

of the same institution was organized Sept. 13th, 1867, G. S. Vaughan, President. Its motto: "AUDE SAPERE." This society is the successor of the old Washington Society which was organized in 1854. Its exercises comprise Declamations, Essays, Debate and Paper. Prominent Alumni, Hon. G. L. Sloughter and Prof. Leslie Waggoner. Present membership, twenty.

## THE "PHI DELTA" SOCIETY

of Berea College was organized Nov. 27th, 1868 with Prof. H. F. Clark, President. Its motto: "Philodopaskala," Order

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of literary exercises, 1st. Critique, 2d. Essay, 3d. Reading, 4th. Oration, 5th. Essay, 6th. Discussion. Membership at present about thirty.

# Louisiana.

#### THE PHILOTECUNIC SOCIETY

of Louisiana State University was established October, 22nd, 1870 with E. M. Dunbar, President and the motto, "MUL-TUM NON MULTA." The order of literary exercises is 1st. Class Debate, 2d. General Debate, 3d. Miscellaneous business. The society has a membership of nineteen.

# `Maine.

THE " CALLIOPEAN " SOCIETY " of Maine Wesleyan Seminary 11:115 exclusively of ladies was organized Oct. 6th, 1867 by twelve young ladies. Miss Louie M. Anderson was elected its first President. It contains at present about fifty members and is rapidly growing. Its prominent Alumnæ are Emma M. Cary, Louie M. Anderson, Mattie E. Posegate and Mrs. Imogene Hallam McNiel. The order of exercises consists in Orations, Lectures, Essays, Select Reading, Debate and such other exercises as the Consul may direct.

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Gilmer, President. Its motto: "Specte-MUR AGENDO." The literary exercises of the society consist in Discussions of literary topics, original Essays and Criticisms, also vocal and instrumental music, Prominent Alumnæ, Misses Alice W. Compton, C. M. Reed and Isabel Hart, who have contributed to literature many valuable articles. society is engaged in the enlargement of its library and the furnishing of a new hall. It publishes a very creditable Literary Magazine—"The Parthenian." Its membership is confined to the Collegiate department there being thirtyeight members at present.

# **M**assachusetts.

THE "ALEXANDRIA" SOCIETY

of Amherst College was organized during the year 1821 with Ebenezer S. Snell, President. Literary exercises consist in an Essay, Debate, Oration, Criticism by

critic, Ditto by the House, Extemportion, and a vote for one best performs part. Prominent Alumni, Progenezer Snell, Bishop Huntingdon, W. S. Tyler, etc. Membership comabout one half of the college.

## THE "ATHENIAN" SOCIETY

of Amherst was also organized i year 1821 with Rev. Pindar Field, dent. These societies are amon first formed in the United States, a fact that they have kept up their ization for fifty years ought to ence every friend of these highly organizations. The exercises o society are simular to those of the society. H. W. Beecher, Horace nard and many other eminent mer belonged to this society.

# **M**ichigan.

#### THE "ALPHA NU" SOCIETY

of the University of Michigan is the oldest in the State, being organized Sept. 30th, 1843 with P. W. H. Rawls as President, adopting as its motto, "Max is MIND." At first it was partially secret, but now its sessions are public. Its literary exercises consist in: 1st. Oration, 2d. Essays, 3d. Debate, 4th. Critique. It has now an active membership of seventy-five, and among its Alumni may be found the names of E. P. Evans, Ph. D., Hon. Dwight May, Hon. Byron M. Cutcheon and Prof. Elisha Jones.

THE "SHERWOOD RHETORICAL" SOCIETY of Kalamazoo College, was organized in 1851 with N. P. Barlow as its first President, choosing the inspiring motto, "Per ASPERA; AD ASTRA." It was incorporated in 1860 and has now forty-three having the motto: "Nil Cedendum." Its exercises are made up of Essays, Declamations and Debates. Prominent Alumni C. P. Shields, T. C. Muligan, D. Walker, C. W. Harper, C. F. Beck, V. A. Garnett, J. S. Frawes and T. S. Gardner.

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#### THE "PHI DELTA" SOCIETY

of Berea College was organized Nov. 27th, 1868 with Prof. H. F. Clark, President. Its motto: "Philodidaskalia." Order

are the names of J. H. McGowan, Regent of the University of Michigan; Prof. M. L. D'Ooge; Prof. E. L. Walter, and Prof. M. W. Harrington, of University of Michigan; Prof. F. A. Blackburn, Albion College and Prof. S. W. Robinson, Iowa University. It has now an active memship of sixty-seven.

## THE "ALPHA KAPPA PHI" SOCIETY

of Hillsdale College, was organized Oct. 6th, 1857, with Wm. P. Phelon, President, choosing the glorious motto, "Mens Omnia Regit," which reveals alike the motives and the objects of their toil. By the earnest and untiring efforts of its members, seconded by generous contributions, a hall was handsomely furnished, and on the 29th of July, 1859, it was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. The literary exercises of this society are such as the Vigilance Committee may direct from time to time. Its Roll of Honor is justly a matter of pride, two-fifths of its active members entering the Union

ranks. The society has a present membership of fifty, embracing among its Alumni, Emory Chaddock, R. W. Melendy, Wm. P. Phelon, H. W. Magee, J. F. Meeker, G. P. Blanchard, M. A. Luce, D. Boudeman and others.

## THE "AMPHICTYON" SOCIETY.

of Hillsdale College, held its first meeting Dec. 21st, 1857, choosing C. H. Bates President, and selecting as its motto, "INVENIAM VIAM AUT FACIAM," the heroic reply of a Roman commander when told that there was no way by which he could take the enemy's works. The society has a fine hall, splendidly furnished, containing a well selected library. Its literary exercises are under the direction of a Prudential Committee, and the society has established an "annual oratorical contest." It has an active membership of forty-one. Among its former members we find many prominent names, as J. T. Hake, J. B. Drew, Hon, T. J. Slayton, D. K. Allen, F. B. Rice and John L. Collier, et. al.

## THE "LADIES LITERARY UNION"

of Hillsdale College, was organized in Dec. 1857 with Mrs. S. E. Lindsley, President, choosing for their motto: "Beauty of Mind endures Forever." Prominent Alumnæ, Mrs. Meeker, Laura Rowe, Julia Phillips, Mrs. J. S. Drew, Miss Dr. Blinn and Mary Blackmor. The exercises include, Essays, Soliloquies, Eulogies, Sketches, Biographies, Stories, Poems, Rehearsals, Scenes, Extempores and Music. The society has a member ship of eighty-eight.

## THE "GERMANÆ SODALES" SOCIETY

of Hillsdale College was organized in September, 1859, its first President being Julia Reed Shaddock and the motto adopted for its guide, "Aspend up As

TRA." Its literary exercises consist in Essays, Recitations, Lecture, Paper, Reviews, Discussion and such other exercises as the Prudential Committee may direct. Among its Alumnæ are found the names of Roxy Tyer, Rena Richards, Grace Read, Minnie Ward Paterson and Hattie Magee. This society owes its origin to a growing dissatisfaction with the regulations of the Mother Society which resulted in its organization with "Love of Freedom" as its chief cornerstone. The old feeling has been entirely dispelled and only a healthy rivalry now exists between the sister societies. It has an active membership of twentyeight.

## THE "WEBSTER LITERARY" SOCIETY,

University of Michigan, is composed of members from the Law Department, and was organized Oct. 7th, 1859, with E. H. Clark as its first President. Its literary exercises consist in: 1st. Oration, 2d.

Discussion, 3d. Criticism. Its active membership is limited to eighty. The society is noted for its systematic method of nominating and electing its candidates for office and places of honor.

#### THE "STAR" SOCIETY

of Adrian College, began its history Dec., 1859, with J. Schoonover as President, adopting the motto, "Sic Itur ad Astra." Both sexes are admitted to membership in the "Star." Its literary exercises embrace Discussions, Orations, Essays, Declamations, etc. It also holds an annual "literary contest" with the sister society. It has a membership of thirty-eight active workers. Its roll of former members embraces, among many that have gained distinction, the names of C. D. Roys, D. C. Thomas, R. A. Watts, Rev. Frank Russell, E. S. Todd and Miss Ell F. Wellman.

working members. Its literary exercises are: 1st. Debate, 2d. Oration, 3d. Essays, 4th. Impromptu, 5th. Critique. Among its former membership we find the names of T. R. Palmer, Henry C. Briggs and Henry M. Fish. The society has a fine room, well furnished, with a library, pictures, suitable furnature, etc., in the "Old College."

## THE "LITERARY ADELPHI"

of the University, dates its organization from March 6th, 1857, having for its first President Cushman K. Davis. Some important changes have taken place, as the discontinuance of the "Hesperian, (a bi-weekly read before the society,) the instituting and subsequent discontinuing of prize orations and discussions, and the establishment of an annual joint discussion with the Alpha Nu Society. The order of literary exercises is: 1st. Oration, 2d. Debate, 3d. Essay, 4th. Report of Critic during the business session. Prominent among its Alumnia.

over \$1,000, and the work of fitting up the rooms commenced. These rooms (audience room and library) were connected by an archway, and finished, in the most approved style with chestnut and blackwalnut wood, and furnished at an entire cost of \$1,100, under the direction of the room committee, consisting of A. F. Frost, C. M. Hawley, I. Shepard, I. C. Seeley and H. Marsh. The rooms were dedicated June 18th, 1870, since which time they have proved a constant source of gratification to honest pride, an impetus to intellectual improvement. and a means of true social refinement. The active membership of the society is at present about thirty. Of the Alumni of Olivet College the names connected with this society are: Rev. W. M. Barrows, Rev. J. H. Barrows, E. V. W. Brokaw, Rev. A. B. Allen, E. P. Grandy, Rev. F. W. Bush, I. C. Seeley, E. P. Lord, A. F. Frost, H. Marsh, E. Branch, R. M. Barrows, I. Shepard and E. F. Smith.

## THE "ADELPHIC" SOCIETY

of Olivet College, organized Dec. 8th, 1862, with Asa B. Cook as President, choosing as their motto, "Semper Fidelis." The society was chartered May 10th, 1870, and has by its faithful efforts finished and furnished a magnificent audience room in the gentleman's new hall, at an expence of about \$1,100. Their literary exercises comprise Discussions, Essays, Orations, Extempores and Criticisms. The society has a membership of thirty-six, and among its Alumni are the names of F. S. Clapp, S. O. Bush, N. D. Bouton and E. S. Porter.

## THE "JEFFERSONIAN" SOCIETY,

University of Michigan, is composed of law students, and was organized in March, 1864, selecting for their motto, "Vestigia nulla retrorsum." Their literary exercises consist in: 1st. Oration.

2d. Essays, 3d. Discussion (the merits of which are decided by three judges), 4th. Critique. Membership sixty-five.

## THE "SORONIAN" SOCIETY,

Olivet College, was organized Jan. 25th, 1865; Miss H. P. Dennis first President, and Miss A. M. Sherman Secretary. At the time of the organization the society numbered twenty-six. The regard which the members have always had for their motto—"Strong in Love; Firm in Right"—has secured to them the greatest harmony and unity of feeling. The society has frequently been remembered munificently by its numerous friends. It has a present membership of thirty-four.

## THE "EROSOPHIAN" SOCIETY,

Albion College, was formed in Oct., 1867, by uniting the two societies "CLEVER GIRLS" and "CLEVER FELLOWS," believing that the highest interests of both would

be greatly enhanced by such action. Mr. H. C. Northrop was elected first President, proving himself a firm executive officer, managing the affairs of the society with discretion.

There are in Michigan colleges other literary societies as follows, to-wit: in Kalamazoo, the "PPILOLEXIAN" and the "EURODELPHIAN" (ladies); in Albion, the "ATHENIEDES" and "ECLECTIC"; in Adrian, the "LAMBDA PHI."

## Minnesota.

## THE "ZENOBIAN" SOCIETY

of the University of Minnesota, was organized Dec. 9th, 1869, with Faustina Prescott its first President, its motto being "Vestigia nulla Retrorsum." Its literary exercises comprise Essays, Recitations, Select Readings, Debate and a

monthly paper called the "Zenobian Gleaner." The society was organized under very discouraging circumstances, but the little band who gathered in the halls of the University of this remote, but rapidly growing State, know no such thing as failure and the reward of their perseverence is a prosperous society which is a credit to the University and profitable to every young lady who chooses to avail herself of the benefits it affords. It has at present a membership of thirty-two.

# Mississiyyì.

## THE "PHILOMATHIAN" SOCIETY

of Mississippi College, was organized March 11th, 1852, Geo. C. Grandberry, first President. Its motto, "Phrengnomon Anthropon." Its exercises are Debate and Extempore Speeches. Prominent

Alumni, Rev. J. L. Pettigrew, Rev. A. C. Caperton, Rev. J. B. Hamberlin, Rev. A. A. Lomax, Dr. C. R. Henderson and Prof. M. T. Martin. The society was suspended during the war and was not re-organized till Nov. 9th, 1870. It has now a membership of twenty-three.

## THE "HERMEAN" SOCIETY

of the University of Mississippi, was founded in 1852 with the motto, "AMICITIA SEMPITERNA CONJUNCTI," and J. J. Smiley, first President. The literary exercises are a Declamation, Regular and Irregular Debate. Prominent among its Alumni are the names of Geo. T. Stinback, D.D., Hon. J. M. Arnold and Hon. V. L. Terrill. It numbers at present thirty-four members.

THE "HERMENIAN" SOCIETY
of Mississippi College, was organized
Feb. 11th, 1855, with J. W. Coleman for

first President and the motto, "VERITAS ET ELOQUENTIA." The society meets weekly and holds an anniversary when the following programme is observed: I. Salutatory Address; II. 1st, Speaker's Address; III. 2d, Speaker's Address; IV. 3rd, Speaker's Address; V. Anniversarian's Address. Some of the most prominent names among its Alumni are the following: A. J. Wise, J. A. Hackett, W. H. Parish, J. W. Coleman, H. J. Weathersby, R. H. Wall, C. E. Crawford, W. J. Sallis, B. F. Passmore, Pat. Henry, A. J. Thomas, Jr., E. G. Banks, Jas. Robinson, Wm. U. Dudley, W. L. Bridges, J. C. Hall and Geo. Mc D. Brumley. Its present membership is thirty-five.

## **M**issouri.

THE "PHILALETHIC" SOCIETY
of St. Louis University was founded in
1832 with Right Rev. James Vandevelde

first President. The motto of the society is "Armis Facundia Praestat." The literary exercises observed are Reading, Essay and Debate. Prominent among its Alumni are Benj. Soulard, Rev. J. Verdin, J. S. B. Alleyne, E. F. Smith, A. J. P. Garesche, LL.D., Hon. R. Barrett and Rev. F. P. Garesche. Membership 250.

# Hew Yampshire.

## THE "SOCIAL FRIENDS"

is a literary society of Dartmouth College, organized in the year 1783 with the motto, "Solsapientiae nunquam occidet." The order of exercises is an oration, debate and Poem. The oldest records of the society are lost. Oaths and secrets have been abolished and it is now a purely literary society. Alphabetical, alternate assignment is now made in the place of electioneering and pledging as formerly. From an initiation fee of \$5.00 changed.

to \$1.50 per term payable with college term bill. The lists of former members contain the names of Asa D. Smith, D.D., LL.D., Rufus Choate, Daniel Webster, etc.

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## THE "PHILOMATHEAN" SOCIETY

of Union College was organized under the name of the Calliopean Society Oct. 11th, 1793 with A. C. Van Styck its first President. But in 1795 it adopted its present name. Its motto is "Virtus Screntia et Amicitia." Order of literary exercises, 1st. Oration, 2d. Essay, 3d. Extemporaneous Debate. Prominent former members, Prof. Taylor Lewis, Prof. I. W. Jackson, J. T. Headley, Alfred B. Street, John O. Spencer, Rufus W. Peckham and John T. Hoffman. It has at present thirty-seven active members.

## THE "ALLEGHANIAN" LYCEUM

of Alfred University was organized in Dec. 1835 under the name of the "Alfred Debating Society. It adopted its present name in Sept. 1851. Total number of members since 1853, four hundred and ninety-five. There are three other flourishing literary societies connected with this institution. The 'Alfriedian Lyceum,' organized Oct. 1846, total membership 351, "Orophilian Lyceum," organized Sept. 28th, 1850, total membership 663, and the "Athenæan Lyceum," organized in 1858, total membership 220.

## THE "AEONIA" SOCIETY

of Madison University was organized July 24th, 1840 with Wm. S. Mikels first President and the motto, "NIL SINE VI." It has an active membership of thirty-five. Among the list of prominent men the following have been members of the Aeonia Society: Rev. Wm. S. Mikels, D.D., Hon. A. J. Dwinell, Rev.

J. C. Burroughs, President Chicago University, Rev. J. W. Sarles and Prof. J. J. Lewis.

# THE "ADELPHIAN" SOCIETY

of the same institution was organized at the same date with O. B. Judd, President. These two sister societies were built upon the remains of the Gamma Phi and Pi Delta societies, the former of which, embraced the two higher college classes and the latter, the two lower. The two societies, which are now prospering, give semi-annual public meetings when the following programme is carried out: Prayer: Music; Two Orations; Music; Reading of Oracle; Oration; Music; Oracle continued; Oration; Music; Oracle concluded; Oration; Music. The two societies also hold anniversaries in connection with the University commencement. Prominent Alumni of the Adel. phian, Hon. Thos. W. Osborne, United States Senator; Gen. P. P. Brown, Rev.

A. H. Burlingham, D.D., Rev. Reuben Jeffry, D.D., Rev. A. M. Beebee, D.D., Rev. A. Harvey, D.D. and Rev. J. R. Haswell, D.D. The society has the motto, "No Nikomen." Its present membership numbers forty-four. Total 495.

## THE "CLIONIAN" SOCIETY

of the College of the City of New York was organized Sept. 26th, 1851 under the name of "The Free Academy Union." but was soon changed to the Clionian with Charles B. White, first President. Its motto being, "ADELPHIKOS DIATHLOU-MEN." The order of exercises is a Declamation, Essay and Reading, or instead of these a Magazine once each month, and a Debate each evening. Those taking part are appointed by a Council. The Initiation Fee of this society is one dollar, with monthly dues of 30 cents during term time. The executive power of the society is vested in a Council composed of its officers, but it can make no expenditure exceeding ten dollars without the consent of the society. Prominent Alumni, Adolph Werner, E. P. Wheeler, R. Sturgis, Jr., P. B. Wight and A. W. Lozier. It has a membership of seventy-one.

## THE "PHRENOCOSMIAN" SOCIETY

of the same institution was organized March 18th, 1852 with F. S. Rising, President. Motto, "Eneotes Eupolueidia." Literary exercises 1st, Reading, 2d, Declamation, 3d, Essay (or Magazine) and 4th, Debate. Prominent Alumni, G. Nixon '54, F. S. Rising '56, W. R. Hallock '58, J. Knox '59, H. E. Tremain '60, P. C. Easton '65, C. M. Hibbard '66, F. M. Scott '67, R. B. McMaster '68, E. M. Shepard '69, M. H. Cardozo '70, and D. H. Cardozo '71. Present membership, forty.

THE "EULEXIAN" SOCIETY
of St. Stephens College was organized

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### THE "PHI KAPPA PI" SOCIETY

of Oberlin College was founded Sept. 14th, 1839 under the name of the "Dialectic Association," J. H. Fairchild, President. It was the first society organized in the College and for several years included students from both the Collegiate and Theological departments. The society was twice refused a charter, by the State, on account of the prejudice existing against the college, but in 1844 a charter was granted after changing the name to "Oberlin Young Men's Lyceum." In 1859 the present name was adopted. Literary exercises consist in 1st. Critique, 2d. Essay, 3d. Oration, 4th. Essay, 5th Discussion between four appointed disputants, 6th. General Discussion and 7th Oration. Prominent Alumni, President J. H. Fairchild, E. H. Fairchild, Prof. J. M. Ellis, President E. B. Fairfield, Prof. Wm. Cochran, Prof. C. H. Penfield and R. T. Cross. The society has a membership of thirty-five.

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# THE "PHI DELTA" SOCIETY

of Western Reserve College was organized under its present name March 18th, 1840, though it was founded by the union of the "Adelphic" and "Franklin" societies one of which was organized in 1830. This date would place the "Phi Delta" among the first organized in Ohio. Mr. H. S. Taylor was the first to preside over the "Phi Delta." Its exercises are composed of a Written and Oral Debate alternately, Decision by President, General Debate and Oration. Active membership, thirty-three.

## THE "PHILOPÆDIAN" SOCIETY

of St. Xavier's College was established January 15th, 1841 with Wm. Guilmartin

first President and for its motto, "LINGUIS ANIMISQUE FAVET." The exercises consist of Essays, Declamations, Oratorical Readings and Debates. Most prominent among its Alumni are the names of Junius H. Brown, Hon. F. E. Dickenson and Timothy O'Conner. The society invites the attendance of honorary as well as regular members. Active membership, thirty-eight.

# THE "ZETAGATHEA" SOCIETY

of Ohio Wesleyan University was organized Jan. 17th, 1845, G. Howard first President. Its motto, "Esse QUAM VIDERI." It was chartered March 24th, 1854. Order of literary exercises, Salutatory, Essays and Declamations in succession, two Toasts, Debate, Extempore Speech, Remarks by Critic and Valedictory Oration. Among its Alumni are W. D. Godman, D.D., L. H. Critchfield. M. J. Cramer, United States Minister to Denmark; J. B. Robinson, W. T. Whit-

lock, John H. Baker and Prof. W. Mc-Forland. The active membership of the society is forty-six. The number of graduate members (150). Total number of members 850.

## THE "EXCELSIOR" SOCIETY

of Wittenberg College was founded Nov. 20th, 1845 and chartered in 1849. Its motto is "Perge Modo." In April, 1851 the "Excelsior Visitor" was established. The exercises are composed of Essays, Declamations, Debate and Criticisms. Prominent Alumni, Rev. D. Schindler, J. Raffensperger, C. L. Ehrenfeld, J. H. W. Stuchenburg, J. A. Shank, Rev. J. B. Corbett, J. M. Bell and O. T. Martin. Present membership, forty-three. The society from time to time have expended over two thousand dollars upon their hall, and have a choice library of over 3,000 volumes and also a cabinet containing specimens from all parts of the world. On the walls of their nall is suspended an illustrated copy of Longfellow's "Excelsior," sent to the society by the Poet himself; and as the members of the fraternity look upon it, their inward eye catches sight of—

"The youth, who bore, mid snow and ice
A banner with the strange device,
Excelsior!

And heard his 'clarion voice'
Far up the hights ring out,
'Excelsior!'"

# THE "PHILOSOPHIAN" SOCIETY

of Wittenberg College was established on the 4th of July, 1846 with William Reid, President, and the motto, "Philoi TES Sophies." The order of exercises is 1st. Essays and Declamations, 2d. Voluntary Performances, 3d. Reading Paper, 4th. Debate and decision, 5th. Criticisms. Prominent Alumni, Rev's. J. E. Reimmund, J. B. Baltzley, S. P. Sprecher and

M. J. Firey and S. A. Bowman, Esq. The society is in a very prosperous condition, having an active, energetic membership of fifty-two. Within the past two years the library has been increased and the rooms improved, \$600 having been expended. The library contains 1,525 volumes of standard works. The society established a Reading Room twelve years ago and it is still in successful operation. The testimony of this society is that it has no reason to complain of the secret societies which exist in the college there being no "cliquing" nor "clubbing;" public positions being awarded solely on the ground of merit. The annual "Contest" with the sister society has been abolished. Membership, fifty.

# THE "CHRESTOMATHEAN" SOCIETY

of Ohio Wesleyan University was founded Sept. 17th, 1847, Alonzo Garwood its first President, and "Sapere Aude" its motto. The exercises consist in a Salutatory Oration, Declamations and Essays, Criticisms, Debate, Verbal Criticism and Valedictory Oration. Prominent Alumni. Col. E. A. Parrott, S. F. Joy, M. C., S. H. Elbert, Gov. of Colorado; L. R. Crichfield, Attorney General of Ohio; J. S. Rarey, Horse Tamer; Gen'l E. Powell, Gen'l J. W. Franklin, President W. S. Paul, Knoxville Seminary; Gen'l S. H. Hurd, M. D. Gaddis, D.D. LL. D., J. H. Baker, Secretary of State, Ohio; Gen'l B. T. Burger, Rev's J. T. Bail, Geo. Parrott, Geo. Brush, Geo. Mather and H. F. Thompson, Dr's W. H. Taylor, L. M. Jones, G. W. Gregg and A. Garwood.

### THE "PHILOMATHEAN" SOCIETY

of Muskingum College was organized Dec. 5th, 1846 with Alfred Hughes first President and the motto, "Scientia virtus et Amicitia." For literary exercises the society is divided into two Classes which Read and Declaim alternately. Two



Debating Classes, four members regular, and two Select. The annual contest with the sister society was abolished in March 1865, an annual exhibition being adopted in its stead. Prominent Alumni, Rev. D. Paul, President Muskingum College; Rev. G. M. Cunningham, D.D., Rev. Wm. Marshall, D.D. Active membership, thirty-five.

## THE "SOMERVILLE" LITERARY SOCIETY

of Ohio Female College was established in 1850, Mrs. Rev. J. Covert its first President. The literary exercises are opened with reading of Scripture, 2d. Essays and Recitations, 3d. Voluntaries, 4th. Debate. The society was named in honor of Mrs. Mary Somerville, a lady of high educational attainments. The society's Pin is an eight pointed Star on which is engraved its motto, "Signature AD ASTRA" and S. L. S., 1850.

## THE "EXCELSIOR" SOCIETY

of Heidelberg College was founded Sept. 18th, 1851 with Geo. Z. Mechling its first President. Motto, "Genespho Phos." The order of literary exercises comprises Orations, Declamations, Essay, Debate, Reading of "The Excelsior" and Criticism. Prominent among its Alumni are Prof's. J. A. Keller, C. Hornung, J. B. Kiefer and C. O. Knepper. The society has an active, working membership of thirty-three.

### THE "ATHENIAN" SOCIETY

of Ohio Wesleyan University was founded in 1851, G. W. Highland first President.

Motto, "To Kalon Katekete." The order of literary exercises is Solutatory Oration, Essays and Declamations, alternately Criticism by temporary Critic followed by Report of permanent Critic and Valedictory Oration. Prominent.

Alumni, Hon. W. H. Savage, Prof. T. C. O. Cane, Prof. J. P. Lacroix, President W. F. King, Cornell College, Iowa; T. J. Newman, Rev. S. Albright, Hon. A. E. Lee, J. W. Lacock, Prof. J. W. White, G. A. Framber, Alva T. Wiles and Rev. T. R. Taylor. The society numbers thirty-five active members.

## THE "PHILOPHRONEAN" SOCIETY

of Otterbein University was first organized March 28th, 1851 under the name of "Philomathean Society." In May 1857 this society was equally divided, a part adopting the name "Zetophronean." In the year 1857 Mt. Pleasant College of Pa. was removed to Westerville, Ohio and incoporated into Otterbein University, the "Zetophronean" and a sister society united under the name, "Philophronean" Literary Society. Daniel Eberly was chosen first President. Motto, "Phillia Kai Phronema." In a few years the soci-

ety had a spacious hall elegantly furnished and containing a well selected library, all of which were consumed by fire Jan. 26th, 1870. A new hall is now ready for occupation. Literary exercises open with religious exercises, Essays, Declamations, Orations and Debate which is decided by consuls on merits of the discussion. Prominent Alumni, Dan'l Eberly, Milton H. Mann, S. B. Allen, Prof. J. E. Guitner, Prof. Wm. Langham, Rev. John A. Kumler, Rev. E. B. Kephart, etc. Membership, thirty-five.

# THE "PHILALETHEA" SOCIETY

of Otterbein University was organized in 1852 with Mrs. Lydia C. Haywood first President. Motto, "Veritas nostrum clipeum erit." Order of literary exercises consists of Essays, Orations, Declamations, Discussions, Extemporaneous Speaking and Select Reading. Prominent Alumnæ, Mrs. L. R. Miller, M. H. Fisher, R. W. Toby, and D. D. DeLong.

and Miss E. M. Guitner. The society has twenty-three active members.

## THE "CLIO" SOCIETY

of Capitol University was organized June 14th, 1853 with Rev. I. O. P. Baker, President. Its motto, "NIHIL SINE LABORE.' Literary exercises comprise Essays, Declamations and Debate. Prominent among its Alumni are Prof's J. Swartz and J. H. Spielman, Rev's E. Cronnenwett, J. O. Hoffman, L. Scheutte and H. A. Becker. The membership of the society at present is twenty-eight.

# THE "LINNÆN" SOCIETY,

of Mount Union Colloge was organized in 1854 with J. G. Hole first President. Exercises consist of Declamations Orations, Essays, Debate and Music. Motto, "ENERGIA FATUM PARET." Membership, 131.

## THE "ALETHEAN" SOCIETY

of Baldwin University was organized Nov. 20th, 1855, Miss Emily A. Coval, President. Its motto, "Droit et avout." A new society was formed from its membership called the "Clionian." Its exercises include Essays, Orations, Rehearsals, Discussions, Story Paper and Colloquy. A few of the prominent Alumnæ, Mrs. Wheeler, Libbie Hall and Mrs. Mary McDermot. The society has membership of twenty-five.

## THE "PHRENO COSMIAN"

of the same institution was organized Oct. 7th, 1857, Adam Barnes being first President. The motto, "Eloqui Audi." The society was chartered Aug. 28th, 1865. Exercises embrace Orations, Discussions, Essays, Declamations and Biographies. Prominent Alumni, Rev's R. Pope, B. J. Hoadley and L. B. Caldwell and E. Foster, LL. D. Active membership numbers twenty-six.

# THE "HESPERIAN" LITERARY SOCIETY

of Ohio Female College was established Oct. 20th, 1857 and chartered May 4th, 1865, Mrs. E. S. H. Putnam first President. Exercises consist of Essays and Recitations, the Round Table (conversation), Paper, Question Drawer and Voluntary Exercise. Prominent Alumnæ, Mrs. E. S. H. Putnam, Misses Hattie Smith, Ada Carey and E. Caldwell. Membership, nineteen.

# THE "OTTERBEIN PHILOMATHEAN" SOCIETY

was organized in 1857, B. R. Hanby, President. Motto, "QUAERERE NOSTRUM STUDIUM EST." Essays, Orations, Discussions and Reading are embraced in the exercises. Membership of thirty in number. Prominent Alumni, B. R. Hanby, Henry Garst, J. T. Merrill, A. D. Kumler, D. Surface, J. M. Strasburg and G. H. Bonebrake.

# THE "GERMAMA VEREIN" SOCIETY

of German Wallace College was established Oct. 27th, 1859, Rev. J. Rothweiler President, adopting the motto, "Doctrinam ad usum adjungas oporter." Exercises include an Oration, Essay, Declamation and Debate. Prominent Alumni, C. F. Morf, J. Hetch and Albert Nast, Jun. Active membership numbers seventeen.

### THE "CLIONIAN" SOCIETY

of Baldwin University was organized May 2nd, 1862, Miss E. Haldeman first President. Motto, "Esse Quam videri." Order of literary exercises, Rehearsal, Orations, Essays, Story, Paper, Soliloquy, Historical and Biographical Sketches. Most prominent Alumnæ, Mrs. M. Flannery, Misses E. Haldeman and E. H. Warner. Membership at present twenty-seven.

# THE "SEMICENTENARY" COLLEGE AID SOCIETY

of Wilberforce University was established Oct. 30th, 1866 with Mrs. Eliza J. Payne, President. Literary exercises comprise Essays, Debates and a Paper. The society has ten members.

## THE "SCIENTIFIC" SOCIETY

of Wilberforce University was organized Oct. 31st, 1866, Bishop D. A. Payne, President. Exercises; Essays and Discussions, monthly. Prominent Alumni, Rev's J. T. Jenifer, I. H. Welch and T. H. Jackson. Membership, eleven.

#### THE "ARISTOTELIAN" SOCIETY

of Harlem Springs College was organized Dec. 6th, 1867, President, G. B. Smith. Motto, "Prorsus arque Sursum." Exercises; Declamation, Essay, Oration

Reading, Debate and Critic's Report. Total membership, ninety-six.

## THE "BYRONIC LITERARY" SOCIETY

of the same college was also organized Dec. 6th, 1867 with G. W. Huddleston, President. The exercises consist in Declamation, Essay, Oration, Regular and General Debate. Prominent Alumni, Rev. W. A. Hale, Prof's A. C. Ripley, G. W. Huddleston and R. W. Lyons, Rev. J. A. McConnell and Dr. J. R. Wiggins. Total membership, ninety.

## THE "GERMAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of St. XaviersCollege was organized Oct. 5th, 1858. Hugh In Erley, S. J., first President. Its motto being, "Armis Facundia Praestat." Order of exercises, Declamations, Readings, Essays, Oratorical Compositions and Debate. The object of this society is to afford its

members an opportunity of acquiringease and fluency in the use of the German language. It has a membership of forty.

# THE "IRVING" SOCIETY

of Wooster University was organized Sept. 16th, 1870, J. E. Kuhn first President, and includes in its exercises Declamation, Essay, Oration and Debate. Active membership of fourteen.

### THE "BETTINA" SOCIETY

of German Wallace College was formed January 16th, 1871, Miss L. Schuler first President. Motto, "Wir Streben Nach Hohern Dingen." Exercises consist of Essays, Orations, Declamations in English and German and Music. Membership at present twelve.

#### THE "LODALIAN" SOCIETY

of Wilberforce University was established Jan. 20th, 1871 with H. A. Knight, President. Order of exercises, Essays, Orations, Reading, Budget, Debate and Criticism. The society has a membership of fourteen.

# Pennsylvania.

# THE "DIAGNOTHIAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Franklin and Marshall College one of the oldest Literary Societies in the State was established in June 1835 at York, Pa. In the fall of the same year removed with the college to Mercersburg, Pa. where it built a hall. In 1853 it was again removed to Lancaster, Pa. where it also built a hall. A. S. Young was elected its first President, its motto being "Stephel Timon tas auten are of confosition."

Declamation, Oration and Debate. Among its Alumni are Hon. John Cessna, M. C., Hon. J. W. Killinger, M. C., Hon. E. L. Acker, M. C., Gen. J. F. Hartrauft, Rev's Henry Harbaugh, D. D., E. V. Gerhart, D.D., T. G. Apple, D.D., J. A. Bomberger, D.D. and Hon. C. M. Duncan.

## THE "THETA ALPHEA" SOCIETY

of University at Lewisburg was established Aug. 27th, 1850, J. M. Lyons its first President, and the motto, "'H ALETHIA PHOS." The crude form of the constitution of this society when first organized rendered it necessary to make revisions which when made were still found inadequate for the proper government of the society. In 1862 a final, thorough revision was made from which time the career of the society has been in the highest degree prosperous. During the past year the society, in connection with the "Euepia Society," began the publi-

cation of a college paper to be devoted to the interests of their University and the fostering of their college literature. Two editors and one business manager are chosen by each society. The enterprise has proved a success and promises to be of no small benefit to the society. The society has a small and well selected library of 500 volumes which is much used by the members. A few of the prominent Alumni are Rev's R. Lowry. E. G. Taylor, D.D., Malachi Taylor, M. Jones, Geo. Trear, E. E. Jones, T. E. Clapp and C. M. Deitz, Col. U. H. Harrison, Dr. G. J. McLeod and Prof. Freeman Loomis. The literary exercises of the society include Essays, Orations, Regular and General Debate, Reading of "The Casket," Criticisms and Censorial. The active membership of the society numbers thirty-six.

#### THE "EURPIA" SOCIETY

of the University at Lewisburg, was organized Nov. 30th, 1860 with R. M.

Fish, first President. The motto of the society is "Fit via Vi." Order of their literary exercises, Essays, Criticism, 1st. Reading of "Oracle," Debate, Criticism, 2d. Reading of "Oracle," Oration, Criticism and Critique by Censor. The society enters with enthusiasm upon the work of sustaining the "College Herald," with the other society, and finds it a source of great profit to the working members.

## THE "UNION" SOCIETY

of Waynesburg College was founded in November 1851, David Crawford, President, its motto being "Fas et Virtuem Vindicamus." The order of exercises is Declamations, Essays, Extempore Class, Oration and Debate. Prominent Alumni, Hon. J. B. Donley, S. W. Waddle, Prof. E. Weaver, Rev's E. W. White, and L. L. Laramar, Prof. J. S. Hughes and J. B. Hail. The society has a membership of sixty-four.

#### THE "CLIONIAN" SOCIETY

of Missionary Institute was founded in January 1859 under the name "Sophronikopean," with G. W. Marsh, President, having the motto, "Mentalis Ordo et Moralis Dignitas." In 1866 the present name was adopted. The literary exercises consist in 1st. Extemporaneous Speaking (subject assigned by President), 2d. Essay, 3d. Declamation, 4th. "Herald" Read, 5th. Oration, 6th. Debate. Prominent Alumni, G. W. Marsh, J. M. Steck, R. Lazarus, R. B. Whitehill, D. Beckner, C. W. Sanders, Prof. W. Noebling, S. W. Gilbert, M. E. Earhart, etc. Membership, thirty-six.

### THE "IRVING LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Andalusia College was organized Sept. 5th, 1865, first President, C. B. Beck. Motto, "Adversis major par Secundres." The exercises consist of Debates, Essays, Lectures, Declamations, Read-

ings, Dialogues, etc. The society has a valuable library composed of selections from the best ancient and modern works. N. T. Jerman, E. H. Bradley, W. G. Platt, Rob't. P. Grimshaw and others were former members of the society. Present membership, eleven.

## THE "PHILOROSMIAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Lebanon Valley College was founded May 5th, 1867 by D. W. Crider, C. A. Loose, Prof. J. W. Etter, J. B. Burgner, W. H. Driver, J. H. Light, A. H. Reider and sixteen others, choosing for their motto, "Truth without Fear," and providing for literary exercises in the following order: Declamations, Essays, Orations, Reading and Debate. Membership, sixty-eight.

#### THE "EUTERPEAN" SOCIETY

of Muhlenberg College was organized

Sept. 18th, 1867, Wm. K. Frick, first President, having the motto, "Terri Kai Profil." Their exercises include Orations, Declamations, Essays and Debates. The society is composed of forty-six members.

## THE "LEHIGH JUNTO"

of Lehigh University was established Sept. 17th, 1868 with Wm. R. Butler, first President and the motto, "Mutua Participatione Lucrum Facinus." Order of exercises, Selection, Essay, Selection, Declamation, Reading "Magazine," Voluntary Exercise and Debate. There are at present twelve members.

# THE "UNION" LITERARY SOCIETY

of Washington and Jefferson College was consolidated in 1870 with a society of Canonsburg, Pa. Jonathan Kearsley was elected its first President. The order of literary exercises being a Declamation, Essay, Debate and Special Debate. Prominent among its Alumni are Hon. Andrew Stewart; Hon. T. M. T. McKennan, Ex-Gov. H. A. Wise and Hon. H. Stanbury. Active membership, twenty-nine.

# Bhode Island.

## THE "WAYLAND LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Brown University was organized Oct. 15th, 1870, J.R.Corthell was chosen its first President, its motto being "Phos Kai Alethia." The exercises being in the order of Criticism, Oration, Debate, Essay and Extempore. The society is composed of fifteen active members.

# South Carolina.

# THE "CLARIOSOPHIC" SOCIETY

of University of South Carolina one of the oldest literary societies of the United States, beginning its history on Feb. 13th, 1806 with John Goodwyn as its first President and for its motto, "Desmos Philias." Among its Alumni are found Hon. James L. Petigru, LL. D., Hon. Geo. McDuffie, Gov. and United States Senator; and A. P. Butler, United States Senator. The society has had connected with it, since organization, 1,651 members.

# THE "CALHOUN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Wofford College was organized Oct. 1st, 1854 with J. W. King, President. There has been a change, from total, to partial secrecy. Formerly no one unless connected with the society by Regular or Honorary membership were allowed to be present at any of its meetings; but now they may, by invitation from the society, attend its annual meetings. The society has a membership of forty-nine.

## THE "PRESTON LITERARY SOCIETY

of the same institution was organized in 1858, T. C. Dawkins, President. Its exercises comprise Debate on Friday evenings, Declamation and Essays Saturday mornings. The society has a membership of forty.

"These societies were named for Hon. John C. Calhoun and Wm. C. Preston. The exercises are substantially the same in both societies. They elect, alternately, the annual orator for Commencement and have an address in each society from some honory member on Tuesday evening of Commencement week, together with a public Debate by four members appointed by the societies, and distribu-

tion of Diplomas to members of graduating class. The societies are well conducted and form a valuable adjunct to the college."

# Tennessee.

## THE "AGATHERIDAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of the University of Nashville was established in the year 1825 with the motto, "Non nobis solum, sed Patriae et Amicis." With such a motto to guide its deliberations the spirit of selfishness is ever a stranger within its walls. The society having been suspended during the war it was re-organized in 1870. Literary exercises include Debates, Orations, Essays and Declamations. Among its Alumni appear the prominent names of Hon's. John Trimble, Ed. Ewing, Wm. Yerger, John M. Bright, G. J. Pillow and John Barrow, Judge Jno. M. Leas,

Jno. C. Thompson, Esq. and Gen'l G. W. Gordon. It has thirty-three members. C. P. Curd was its first President.

THE "CHI DELTA" SOCIETY

of East Tennessee University was established June 25th, 1836, J. W. Kelso, President. Its motto being, "Per Aspera ad Astra." The war broke up the society for five years, its ante-bellum "Records" being lost. The society was re-organized in the Fall of 1866. It observes the following routine of literary exercises: Oration, Essay, two Declamations and

Debate. Among its Alumni are Wm. C. Whithorne, R. L. Kirkpatrick, Sr. and

Its membership is

B. F. Welcker.

thirty-five.

THE "ATHENIAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of East Tennessee Wesleyan University
was organized May 3rd, 1867, E. A.

At-Lee, first President. Motto, "ALETHIA BELOS HEMON." Order of literary exercises, 1st. Oration from Declamation or Essay Class. (2) The society is divided into four classes, A. B, C and D, all of which come on duty at each meeting, one class on Declamation, one on Essay and the other two on Debate. The class "A" passes from Declamation to Essay then to Affirmative of Debate then to Negative. Each class passes in similar order from one duty to the other. (3) Impromptu Speaker and Subject, chosen by the President. (4) Critique. Membership of the society, twenty-three.

#### THE "PHILOTHESMIAN" SOCIETY

of Kings College was organized Sept. 11th, 1867, D. W. Carter, Jr., first President. Motto, "Osphoinikos exiotai Fere." The exercises are composed of Declamation, Debate and Oration. The membership numbers thirty.

### THE "PHILOMATHEAN" SOCIETY

of East Tennessee Wesleyan University was organized Macrh 4th, 1869, G. A. Ramsey, President. Declamations, Essays and Debate comprise the literary exercises. Alumni, W. M. Fitzgerald, O. M. Jones, etc. Membership, ten.

### THE "ATHENABAN" SOCIETY

of Kings College was established Oct. 1st, 1869 with G. W. Walker, President, choosing the motto, "ESTEKEN AUTE TO ENDOXOU ONOMATOS MNEMEION." After much labor a good constitution and a library have been secured. The exercises include Debate, Orations, Declamation and Essay. Total membership, ninety-one.

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#### THE "EROSOPHIAN" SOCIETY

of Baylor University was organized Sept. 5th, 1865 with I. F. Hargrove, President: The exercises are devoted wholly to Discussions. Prominent Alumni, I. G. Boyle, Wm. C. Crane, Jr., Daniel McIntyre, Edwin Polk and Cha's Crane. Membership, twenty-four.

### THE "STONEWALL" SOCIETY

of the same institution was organized Sept. 4th, 1866, K. S. White, President. The object of this society is to make improvement in Debate, which constitutes its literary exercises. The society has a membership of eighteen.

## Fermont.

The following from President Angell, (now of University of Michigan), will explain the reason why so few of the Eastern Colleges are represented in this "Manual."

University of Vermont, Burlington, Feb. 25, 1871.

DEAR SIR:-

Here, as in most of the Eastern Colleges, the Secret Societies have eaten out the life of the old Literary Societies. Formerly there were two here, the "University Institute" and the "Phi Sigma Nu," but they died before any of the present generation of students came on to the ground so that no historian can be found.

> Yours, Truly, J. B. ANGELL.

MR. I. C. SEELEY,

Ann Arbor.

## ¥irginia.

THE "CICERONIAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Roanoke College was founded Jan. 16th, 1850, John Boon, President with the motto, "Non nobis, sed Patriae." The exercises include Declamations, Essays, Orations, Debates and Criticisms. The society has abolished the public "Contest" and substituted anniversary exhibitions instead. Prominent Alumni, Rev. John G. Frey, A. P. Pifer, Rev. J. I. Miller and Hon. F. J. Ribble. Membership numbers fifty.

THE "DEMOSTHENEAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Roanoke College was organized Jan.
23rd, 1850, W. S. McClanahan, President.
Its motto being "Mathema Dunamis series."
The society was dismembered by the

war and re-organized in the Fall of 1865. It holds its annual celebration on the 19th of January. Parliamentary rules are strictly enforced and observed. The society has a hall elegantly furnished. Declamation, Essay, Debate and Oration form their literary programme. Prominent Alumni, Rev's G. W. Holland, R. C. Holland, S. A. Repass, J. D. Shirey and G. H. Turner, Prof. Thomas C. Bittle, and L. R. Holland. Active membership, forty-one.

### THE "PHILOLOGIAN" SOCIETY

of Richmond College was established Oct. 11th, 1855 with W. S. Penick its first President, and the motto, "ROSTRA ET PENNA." Exercises consist of Monthly Oration, Weekly Declamation, Debate and Reading Paper, "Classic Gem." The society adjourned for an indefinite period, April 22nd, 1861. It remained dormant during the late war, but was re-organized Oct. 22nd, 1867. Prominent.

among its Alumni are Rev's Wm. E. Hatcher, Cha's H. Ryland, A. P. Woodfire and W. H. Williams, Prof's J. A. Turner and C. E. Taylor, and Dr. L. R. Dickinson. Membership numbers fortytwo.

# West Virginia.

## THE "NEOTROPHIAN" SOCIETY

of Bethany College was established Nov. 5th, 1841, R. T. Bryan being its first President, its motto being "QUAERIMUSVERUM." Declamation, Essay, Oration, Regular and Irregular Debate and Criticism make up the exercises. The following are a few of the names which make up the list of prominent Alumni: Robert Graham, President Female College, Ky.; A. R. Benton, President Alliance College, Ohio; W. S. Giltner, President Eminence College, Ky.; J. S. Lamar, Editor; J. T.

Dye, W. R. Freshwater, Prosecuting Attorney; Gen. Walter C. Whitaker, Wm. H. Robinson, Col. C. S. A.; John A. Dearborn, Ex-President, Princeton College, Ky.; Rev's K. Baxter, T. F. Campbell, E. T. Pinkerton and many others. The society has a library of 700 well selected volumes. It has a membership of thirty-eight.

## Wisconsin.

## THE "IDUNA LYCEUM"

of Milton College was established in January 1852 with Mrs. A. C. Spicer, its President and for its motto, "LA SAGESSE GOUVERNE L'UNIVERS." The society formerly existed under the name of the "Ladies Literary Society." Order of literary exercises consists in Essay, Recitation, Biography, Debate, Impromptu. and Critic's Report with appropriate



Music. Proninent Alumnæ, Mrs. Chloe Whitford and Isabelle Coghlan. Members present during the year, twentyseven.

### THE "CURIOUS SOCIETY"

of Milwaukee Female College was organized Nov. 24th, 1855, Miss Alice Hibbard as its President. Its motto being, "Arcanum in advits latet." The society has changed from its original character, that of making researches in the antiquities of Nature and History, to a literary society. Its exercises consist in an Essay, Review of Recent Publication, Debate and Impromptu Speaking. Among its former membership are the names of Miss Lilie Peckham, Lecturer and Miss Mason, (John B. Gough's private Sec'y.) Total membership, 116.

THE "ALETHEAN" SOCIETY

of Beloit College was organized Dec. 15th, 1859, D. S. Clark, President. A

Debate completes its exercises. H. R. Hobart, Editor Chicago Evening Post; and L. O. Thompson, President German University are of its Alumni. Membership, twenty-seven.

### THE "DELEAN" SOCIETY

of the same institution was organized Dec. 15th, 1859 with Cha's H. Mann, President. Meeting for Debate only. C. W. Buckley, M. C. was formerly a member. Present membership, thirty.

## THE "ARCHAEAN UNION"

is a joint society composed of the last two societies and was founded at the same date for the purpose of holding public meetings once each term. C.W. Buckley, first President. Membership fifty-six.

## THE "PHILOMATHEAN" SOCIETY

of Milton College was founded Sept. 11th, 1860, Nerman Hall, President. Its motto, "NIL DESPERANDUM." Literary exercises consist of an Oration and a Paper alternating every two weeks with Declamations, Essays, and Select Reading, Debate every week. Prominent Alumni, Rev. Lewis A. Platts and Hon. J. A. Smith. Membership, sixty-two.

### THE "ADDISONIAN" SOCIETY

of Wayland University was organized March 14th, 1861, E. M. Blanchard, President. Motto, "VINCIT OMNIA VERITAS." Prominent Alumni, Rev. Ellis J. M. Thurston and O. S. Moore. Membership. thirty-four.

THE "CLIONIAN LITERARY" SOCIETY

of Racine College was organized July 17th, 1865, E. C. Chapin, first President. Motto, "VITAM IMPENDERE VERO." Exercises consist in an Essay, Debate, Extempore Speech (semi-monthly) and an Oration (monthly). Prominent Alumni, James McKey, E. C. Chapin, Rev. Arthur Piper, Jas. A. Morgan and Wm. E. Lighter. Membership numbers twenty-four.

#### THE "HERMEAN" SOCIETY

of Ripon College was organized Sept. 19th, 1865 with A. J. Chittenden as presiding officer. Its motto is, "Ubi opus, ubi nos." The society has a well furnished room and a valuable library. In its literary exercises it has an Oration and Select Reading, alternating with an Essay and Declamation. A written Dissertation upon an assigned subject, a Debate and Critic's Report. Membership, thirty-four.

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